

**TOWN OF EASTON, MARYLAND**  
**Easton Town Hall**  
**14 S. Harrison Street**

May 3, 2010

**PRESENT AT CONVENING**

8 Mayor Robert C. Willey	11 Councilmember Pete Leshner
9 Council President John F. Ford	12 Councilmember Leonard E. Wendowski
10 Councilmember Kelley K. Malone	13 Councilmember Megan M. Cook

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Also in attendance were the Town Manager Mr. Karge, the Town Attorney Ms. VanEmburch, Town Planner Mr. Hamilton, Current Planner Mr. Smith and Town Clerk Mrs. Ruf.

Easton Utilities President & CEO, Mr. Grunden was present as well.

**CONVENING**

At 7:00 p.m., President Ford called the meeting to order.

Mr. Leshner opened the meeting with prayer and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 21, 22, 2010 MEETINGS**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, minutes with corrections as submitted by Mr. Leshner were approved.

**REPORT FROM EASTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Assistant Chief Jamie McNeal was present to report on the Department's activities. He discussed participation in the Town of Easton's 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Asst. Chief McNeal stated that the next big parade is the Volunteer Firemen's Association in Ocean City in June.

Asst. Chief McNeal discussed April's activities and responses.

Mr. Wendowski asked if the county is giving any feedback regarding the charge for the automatic alarms. Mr. McNeal stated that he doesn't know if there has been a fine levied for an automatic alarm.

Mr. McNeal discussed recent new businesses in the community that have not complied with the Knox box regulation. Mr. Karge will check on why it is not being followed.

**ITEMS BY MAYOR WILLEY**

First meeting in June, Nancy Adams will be here to discuss changes in the Employee Handbook regarding comp time.

Mayor Willey stated that the National Day of Prayer will be held May 6 at noon in Thompson Park.

Mayor Willey discussed Fitch & Moody's recalibration of the bond ratings. He stated that the Town of Easton has the same rating.

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. LELDE SCHMITZ TO THE MAIN STREET BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshner seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously, the appointment of Dr. Schmitz to the Main Street Board of Directors was approved.

**ITEMS BY THE TOWN MANAGER**

## **APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ASSEMBLY EVENTS**

- Revival Services

(Each Saturday May 8-Aug. 28, 2010 1500-1800 hrs.) 16 S. Locust Ln.

- Church Service

(Saturday May 22, 2010 1600-1900 hrs.) Idlewild Park Pavilion

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, approval was granted with the condition that the Parks and Recreation Director approve the requests.

## **ITEMS BY THE TOWN ATTORNEY**

The Town Attorney had nothing at this time.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 5960, “A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTON APPROVING THE 2010 CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE RATE REVISIONS PROPOSED BY THE EASTON UTILITIES COMMISSION”**

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, Resolution No. 5960 was approved.

Mr. Leshar discussed possible contributions from subscribers for MCTV funding.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 571, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS CHAPTER 6A OF THE TOWN CODE REGARDING STORMWATER MANAGEMENT”**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously; Ordinance No. 571 was approved.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 572, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL FOR ORDINANCE 461, WHICH GRANTED THE AMENDMENT TO A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT FOR ELM STREET DEVELOPMENT, LC, TO MODIFY THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF OFF-SITE HOMES FOR LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS”**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously; Ordinance No. 572 was approved.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 573, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 24-18 OF THE TOWN OF EASTON CODE AND TO ALLOW DISPLAYING OF MERCHANDISE ON SIDEWALKS ON SUNDAYS”**

Upon motion by Mrs. Cook seconded by Mr. Wendowski and carried unanimously; Ordinance No. 573 was approved.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 574, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON AMENDING THE TOWN OF EASTON CODE TO ADD ARTICLE II TO CHAPTER 10 REGULATING SIDEWALK CARRY-OUTS WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTON IN ORDER TO PROMOTE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE”**

Upon motion by Ms. Malone seconded by Mrs. Cook and carried unanimously; Ordinance No. 574 was approved.

## **ORDINANCE NO. 575, “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF EASTON GRANTING THE APPLICATION OF ASHBY COMMONS, L.C. FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXISTING PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS “ASHBY COMMONS” UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EASTON ZONING ORDINANCE”**

Upon motion by Mr. Wendowski seconded by Ms. Malone and carried, Ordinance No. 575 passed 3 to 2 with Mr. Leshar and Mrs. Cook voting no.

## **REQUEST FROM TIDEWATER INN FOR LICENSE FOR USE OF PUBLIC SPACE.**

Mr. Smith discussed the Tidewater Inn’s request.

Mr. John Wilson, Manager, General Partner of The Tidewater Inn discussed proposed renovations to the existing structure. He stated that they would like to enclose the top and put in sliding windows. Mr. Wilson stated that the space is meant to be outdoor porch. He stated that the awning will stay and they will fill in where fireplace is. They intend to place sliding windows to keep the weather out. There will be no gutter or no additional landscaping.

Ms. VanEmburch stated that The Tidewater Inn’s request has gone before Historic District and Mr. Richardson has some contingencies.

Mr. Wilson stated that if the porch is enclosed, it may need sprinklers.

It was the unanimous consensus of the Council for the Town Attorney to draft a license.

The Town Attorney will prepare legislation and license for next meeting.

**ITEMS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Ms. Malone thanked Mrs. Cook for the successful Frederick Douglass 10 mile run.

Mrs. Cook stated that Saturday was a great day. She thanked everyone and all the committees.

President Ford asked the Town Attorney to look at impact fees. He stated that the office institution fee based on total square feet seems more appropriate and should be re-examined.

President Ford reminded everyone of the upcoming workshop May 10.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Ms. Moonyene Jackson, 120 Port Street, Easton stated that she is hoping in modifying the work for Elm Street that consideration was taken regarding the contractual relationship and the benefit to Elm Street. Ms. Jackson-Amis asked Mrs. Cook to give consideration for Ward IV

**ADJOURN**

Upon motion by Mr. Leshar seconded by Ms. Malone and carried unanimously, President Ford adjourned the regularly scheduled meeting at 7:38 pm

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Kathy M. Ruf, Town Clerk